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Indian Civil Service.

Collectors' Conference at Ootacamund.

*2351 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what orders Government have passed on the several points raised and discussed at the Collectors' Conference held recently at Ootacamund especially on the following points :—

(*a*) redrafting the existing rules for the levy of ground-rent in urban areas ;

(*b*) the administration of plague measures ; and

(*c*) the relative spheres of activity of the Members of the Legislative Council and the District Officials in their relations with the people ?

A.—The question indicates a misapprehension of the nature and object of such conferences. They are not intended to present subjects for the orders of Government but by discussion and interchange of views to promote a better understanding by Government of the difficulties of district officers and by district officers of the existing orders of Government. Occasionally the issue of further orders may result from the discussions ; but this has not been the case regarding the three matters specified in the question.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The question is what orders Government have passed on the several points raised and discussed at the Collectors' Conference. In the answer it is said ' the issue of further orders may result from the discussions ; but this has not been the case regarding the three matters specified in the question.' May I know, Sir, if orders have been issued in regard to the other subjects ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" That covers a very wide field, Sir, and I must ask for notice."

Number of posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service.

*2352 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : With reference to the answer of the Government to question No. 1106, dated 16th December 1925, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service abolished and newly created by them since the introduction of the Reforms, and whether all the posts in excess of those abolished have been listed for and permanently filled up by members of the Provincial Service ?

A.—A statement [a] showing the posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service abolished and newly created since the Reforms is subjoined. Six posts have been ' listed '. Permanent appointments have been made to five of the six additional posts. The appointment to the sixth post is under the consideration of Government.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 293 infra.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know how many of the six posts abolished were listed for Provincial Civil Service officers? In the appendix, six are said to have been abolished and twelve newly created. I wish to know how many of these six abolished posts were reserved for Provincial Service men?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not understand the question, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I shall make it clear, Sir. Among those appointments in the superior scales of the Indian Civil Service, some posts are reserved for Provincial Service people. Six of them were abolished since the Reforms. I wish to know whether any, and if so, how many of these posts were treated as listed appointments?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I think the hon. Member is assuming, Sir, that six specific posts have been abolished irrespective of whether they were listed or not. It is only so many superior posts that have been abolished but the number has not been diminished."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"The appointments are given here: one Member of the Board of Revenue, one Agency Commissioner and two Secretaries to the Board of Revenue, one of which is a listed appointment."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Those posts were abolished but the number of the listed appointments remain undiminished in any way on account of the abolition of any particular post."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"They have been added to by six since."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Yes."

Malikhana Allowances.

List of temples and mosques receiving tasdik.

*2353 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to question No. 2008, clause (*a*), answered on the 13th July 1926, whether a complete and up-to-date list of temples and mosques receiving tasdik or other allowances may be placed on the table of the House; and

(*b*) with reference to clauses (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of the same question, whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information and place it on the table of the House or publish it in the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

A.—(*a*) The question of the publication of the list will be considered as soon as the list shall have been prepared.

(*b*) If the hon. Member can assure the Government from his personal knowledge that there are such cases, enquiry will be made.